

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for packaging an object ~~objects, a stack of goods on a pallet in particular,~~ with a hose-shaped stretch foil having laterally extending folds guided axially with respect to the foil and along a length of the object, said method ~~in run-like manner as hose of lateral folds in particular~~ including the steps of:

forming either a foil hood ~~harmonized~~ sized to the length of said object ~~stack of goods~~ to be packed or a band stock foil hose;

reefing said foil hood or band stock, respectively, on several gripper ~~means~~ devices movable in essentially a horizontal direction and being engaged with reefing devices, of a lifting frame movable in essentially a vertical direction, wherein said reefing devices each include a respective roll being rotatably engaged with each of said gripper ~~means~~ devices;

tentering said reefed foil hood or band stock, respectively, in essentially a horizontal direction by movement of said gripper ~~means~~ devices and a first rotation of said reefing devices such that said tentered opening of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is larger than the contour of said ~~stack of goods~~ object to be packed and wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is expanded in essentially a horizontal direction;

pulling-over of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, over said ~~stack of goods~~ object by the essentially vertical movement of said lifting frame,

wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is pulled-off from said gripper ~~means~~ devices and is expanded in essentially a vertical direction;

controlling the tension of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during tentering in essentially a horizontal direction above the upper side of said ~~stack of goods~~ object by controlled rolling off of the foil hood or band stock from said gripper ~~means~~ devices and said reefing devices by rotating the rolls of said reefing devices in a direction opposite to the first rotation direction of the reefing devices utilized during said reefing step.

2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1,

wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, ~~again~~ is partly pulled off from said gripper ~~means~~ devices during tentering.

3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 2,

wherein a pulling-off speed of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during tentering is lower than a speed of the essentially horizontal movement of said gripper ~~means~~ devices.

4. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method as defined in claim 1,

wherein a pulling-off speed of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during

pulling-over of said foil hood is lower than a of the essentially vertical movement of said lifting frame.

5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said reefing or pulling-off, respectively, of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during reefing or tentering, respectively, or pulling-off of said foil hood during pulling-over is effected by the movement of the rolls, wherein the outer surfaces of said rolls shift said foil hood pushed onto said gripper ~~means~~ devices.

6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is held on said gripper ~~means~~ devices during an end phase of said pulling-over.

7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 6, wherein said holding of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, is effected by the rolls which press said foil hood against said gripper ~~means~~ devices during said tentering process.

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15. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein said reefing or pulling-off, respectively, of said foil hood or band stock, respectively, during reefing and tentering, respectively, and pulling-off of said foil hood during pulling-over is effected by the movement of the rolls, wherein the outer surfaces of said rolls shift said foil hood pushed onto said gripper ~~means~~ devices.

16. (NEW) The method as defined in claim 1, wherein the object is a palletized stack of goods.